

**INTERNSHIP AT SICÁN MUSEUM
MUSEOGRAPHY PROJECT
FERREÑAFE - LAMBAYEQUE**

INTRODUCTION

The Sicán Museum, inaugurated in 2001, occupies an area of 29,429 square feet and is located in Ferreñafe, 10 miles northeast of Chiclayo. The entrance halls detail the historic development, traditions and activities of the pre-Inca culture of Sicán. The galleries dedicated to funeral practices present replicas of tombs, funerary clothing, and ornaments. The ceramic and funerary galleries exhibit 200 gold pieces such as the ornamental winged-eyed mask, crowns and necklaces, among other precious metallic pieces and ceramics. The tour of the museum ends with an advanced multimedia audiovisual system that takes the visitor back 1300 years.

The Museum is located outside of the tourist circuit and in spite of its modern installations, it received only 30,000 visitors in 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The intern will exchange ideas, concepts, and experiences with the museum director on the appropriate handling, care, and mounting of the museum exhibitions. Interns will have the opportunity to learn more about the reality of Peruvian museums, the wealth and diversity of their collections, and the many creative methods used to put up exhibitions.

Throughout the internship, the intern will work simultaneously on two specific tasks:

PROJECT 1 – 30 DAYS

Maintain and improve the mounts and conditions of the permanent exhibitions at the museum.

PROJECT 2- 30 DAYS

Plan, design and mount a temporary exhibition at the museum with a collection of pieces from storage. Selection of pieces and themes for the exhibition will be discussed with the museum directors/curators.

NUMBER OF INTERNS, DATES AND TIME PERIOD

One (1) intern for two months (40 working days), from July 1 to August 31, 2005.

Working schedule: Monday through Fridays from 9 am to 5:00 pm, with one hour for lunch.

MATERIALS

To be determined.

SUPERVISION

Project supervisor will be Victor Curay, Chief archaeologist.

COSTS

The Museum will provide in-kind support and lodging for the intern.

The American Embassy will provide the materials needed for the internship and up to \$ 300 total for M&I per participant for the time period.

The University or student should provide other costs such as roundtrip international tickets to Lima and in-country tickets to Chiclayo, and meals and incidentals.

APPLICANTS

Applicants must be Spanish-speaking American citizens in a graduate program in Museum studies, with an emphasis on exhibition planning and design. Experience in the field is required.